

**Mission Bay Landfill
Technical Advisory Committee
City Administration Building
12th Floor Conference Room B
September 19, 2003
10:00 to 12:00**

Meeting Minutes

TAC Members Present

Donna Frye
John Wilks
Ben Leaf

Bruce Reznik
Frank Gormlie
Robert Curtis

Rebecca Lafreniere
Brian McDaniel

TAC Members Absent

Dave Huntley, Ph.D.
Chuck Budinger
David Kennedy, DDS

Jeoffrey Gordon, M.D., MPH
Michael Zucchet
Ann de Peyster, Ph.D.

Judy Swink
Hiram Sarabia

Interested Parties

Scott Andrews
Patrick Owen
George Murphy

Jace Miller
John Lamb
Corrine Brindley

Kathleen Blavatt
Kathryn Balint

Staff

Steven Fontana

Sylvia Castillo

Ray Purtee

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Frye. Self introductions were made. Steve Fontana briefly went over the agenda. Minutes from the July 25th meeting were unanimously approved.

Councilmember Frye shared a City Manager Report with the group on the Sea World lease rental rate. This issue will be heard by City Council next week and Councilmember Frye asked if there was a motion to discuss this issue today? A motion was made to add this issue to today's agenda and the motion was seconded and approved.

Bob Gutzler of SCS consultants gave an update on their progress so far. They have been reviewing documents, reports, and photographs trying to get back to original source data. They have started compiling data into a comprehensive list.

A question was asked, "When would the field investigation begin and could this work be interrupted by winter rains?" Bob answered that earliest scheduling would start the field work in January or February 2004. Inclement weather would not significantly impact this schedule.

Don May of the California Earth Corps (CEC) gave a presentation on the CEC's testimony before the California Coastal Commission hearing of September 10-12, 2003, seeking to revoke Sea World's construction permit for the Journey to Atlantis (JTA) ride. Discussion ensued and Don responded to several questions from the group.

A question was asked "What can the City do to revoke Sea World's permit for the JTA ride?" Councilmember Frye answered that if the master EIR for the project was deficient in conducting a Phase One assessment, then there would be a basis for revoking the permit.

A question was asked "Should the TAC issue a letter to the California Coastal Commission requesting that the hearing for consideration of the permit revocation be expedited and conducted here in San Diego, or at least, to have a workshop held here in San Diego on this issue? A motion was made to do so, it was seconded and approved.

Sylvia Castillo passed out documents from the City's file concerning the death of a contractor's employee in 1988 who was exposed to gases while working on the South Shores development project. The deceased went to Sharp hospital and was released that day. He returned to work the next day and died three weeks later.

A citizen asked to speak to the group. She had swum at a triathlon at South Shores a year ago and has been sick ever since. She said that there are other swimmers that have been affected too. She hopes to hand out a County Department of Environmental Health survey on ocean related illnesses to swimmers at the next triathlon of October 19th at South Shores. Up to 2000 women swimmers are expected at this event. Councilmember Frye said that it's alright to distribute the health survey at this event.

A question was asked, "Why does the City permit any uses at this site since it's over a toxic waste dump and why isn't the public warned?" A motion was made that the TAC should issue a statement to the public warning them that the South Shores area is hazardous. The motion was seconded and approved. Councilmember Frye answered that she will talk to the City Attorney and Manager's office about such a warning for a public park.

The matter of Sea World's lease rental rate was discussed. Comments were various from the group. Councilmember Frye encouraged those who had comments to send them to their councilmember's offices and attend Monday's council meeting to make public comment.

A request was made to have a City Attorney present at future TAC meetings.

Public Comment

Items for next agenda

- Update on consultant's work progress.
- Follow up on issues for further study.

Future Meetings

- October 24th, 10:00am- 12:00, 12th Floor Conference Room B, City Admin Building